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Former temporary employee is convicted and sentenced for theft of funds from vulnerable adults

WASHINGTON - An employee from a temporary agency assigned to work at The ARC of D.C., an organization that serves individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities, has been found guilty and sentenced for Theft and violation of the Bail Reform Act (BRA), U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor and District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced today.

In January 2007, Timothy Akers, 39, of Washington, D.C., pled guilty to two counts of Theft in the Second Degree. Akers failed to appear as ordered for his sentencing hearing on March 23, 2007, a BRA violation. Akers was arrested on February 24, 2009, and sentenced on March 19, 2009, in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia before the Honorable Nathalia M. Combs Greene. Judge Combs Greene sentenced Akers to 180 days in jail on one count of second degree theft, and 180 days, consecutive on the second count. The second sentence was suspended, and Akers was placed on supervised probation for one year. Judge Combs Greene sentenced Akers to 90 days on the BRA violation to be served consecutively. He was also ordered to pay \$1551 in restitution to two victims, and to cooperate with drug treatment orders. In addition, Akers was ordered to pay \$150 to the Victims of Violent Crime Compensation Fund.

According to the government's evidence, in July 2002, Akers, who was assigned to the ARC of D.C. corporate office as a temporary employee, stole money from two clients' bank accounts, totaling more than \$1550. Both of the clients are vulnerable adults and were not aware that Akers was stealing from them. Akers admitted that he used one individual's ATM card on multiple occasions, and cashed one check from the other person's bank account.

In announcing the conviction and sentence, U.S. Attorney Taylor and Inspector General Willoughby praised the work of Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Patient Abuse Investigator Jonathan Rich for his investigation of the thefts. Mr. Taylor and Mr.

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Willoughby also commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephanie Miller and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Susan Bieber Kennedy, Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, who jointly prosecuted the case.

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